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FROM M. FALCO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, PE
SUBJECT: TIN OO'S DESIRE FOR ASSURANCES

REF: STATE 115280

1. I CONCUR ENTIRELY WITH YOUR SUGGESTED APPROACH TO COL. TIN OO. DR. BOURNE AND I WERE DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH SINCERITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF BURMESE EFFORTS AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE WITHIN BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS FIXED WING AIRCRAFT SUITABLE TO THEIR NEEDS. CONGRESSIONAL RESISTANCE IS NOT ANTICIPATED. HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, NINE PLANES WITHIN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR ('78) WOULD EXCEED THE LIMITS OF OUR BUDGET AND MIGHT ALSO STRETCH THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONGRESS.

2. OUTLOOK IS FAVORABLE FOR MORE MODEST NUMBER THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF WHICH WE HOPE TO EXPLORE WITH THEM DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT. (F.Y.I. ONE POSSIBLE REASON FOR THEIR UNEASINESS COULD BE THE CONTINUING PRESENCE IN THE SHAN STATES OF SEVERAL WOLFF COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERVIEWING SHAN, 3RN AND 5TH CIF, ETC. TO PREPARE A REPORT ON GOLDEN TRIANGLE PRODUCTION
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AND TRAFFIC, WHICH WILL PROBABLY RENEW PROPOSAL FOR U.S. PRE-EMPTIVE BUY FROM SUA AND OTHER GROUPS. WHILE WE WILL READ WOLFF REPORT WITH INTEREST, IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT HIS PROPOSALS WILL BE ADOPTED.)

3. PLEASE TELL COL. TIN OO FOR ME THAT WE ARE GREATLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR JUNE VISIT AND THAT WE HAVE TRIED VERY HARD

TO DEVELOP AN INTERESTING ITINERARY FOR THEM. BOTH DR. BOURNE
AND I WILL WELCOME THEM PERSONALLY TO WASHINGTON.

4. PLEASE LET ME KNOW RESULTS OF YOUR CONVERSATION. WILL BE
IN LIMA ALL DAY TUESDAY, MAY 24TH AND THEN LA PAZ 25TH AND 27TH.
DEAN

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